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Look who's learning our drug strategy

Iwonder if Frank Carlucci, President Reagan's national security adviser, or Judge William Webster, CIA director-designate, know that the U.S. government officially invites and trains communist spies from Eastern Europe in how to catch drug smugglers?

I wonder if Mr. Carlucci or Mr. Webster, or, for that matter, Mr. Reagan himself, know that this government is negotiating with the Soviet Union to bring Soviet officials to this country for special training in how to counter international drug trafficking?

I wonder if the agencies in charge of combating Soviet and East Bloc espionage are aware that the training given police officials from Czechoslovakia and East Germany under the auspices of the Drug Enforcement Administration is giving them whatever knowledge and experience DEA has garnered over the years in fighting narcotics smuggling?

Obviously, if communist police agents know the variables which go

into determining a drug smuggler profile, they would be privy to important knowledge to be used against the West, especially against the United States, the Kremlin's permanent target.

Having laid out this phenomenon, I wonder whether anybody — Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Webster, Treasury Secretary James Baker, the House or Senate select committee on intelligence — is going to give enough of a damn to stop this lunatic program right now?

This DEA program is not secret. It was recently described in a Heritage Foundation bulletin. For some years now, DEA has been training communist spies as part of what DEA has described as the worldwide effort to combat the flood of narcotics into the United States.

On its face, it all appears so plausible. After all, there are these big international meetings to deal with drug abuse. At those meetings everybody is present, including representatives from communist countries who seem to be interested in fighting drug abuse. So why not invite them to the United States to train them in the latest techniques of

surveillance and identification of possible drug smugglers?

This kind of high-level credulity about communism may explain in part the Soviet spy infiltration epidemic which has afflicted the Navy, U.S. embassies in Moscow and, no doubt, in other communist capitals, the CIA, the National Security Agency. Some of the people in charge of national security, especially intelligence and counterintel-

ligence, as well as our diplomatic and military leadership simply do not take seriously enough the Soviet espionage threat to our national security.

In the case of the DEA, its naivete surpasses even that of Dean Acheson when he announced that he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss. Anyone who knows anything about Soviet history and politics knows that the Soviet Union and its satellites are not interested in stopping drug abuse in the West; their interest is in spreading the drug culture in the West. In fact, the Soviet Union and such satellites as Cuba and Nicaragua are behind narcotics trafficking.

For evidence we have recently published testimony about Soviet involvement in drug trafficking, testimony which DEA, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Webster and President Reagan ought to read. The information is contained in an article in the recent issue of the *Journal of Defense and Diplomacy* by Joseph D. Douglass, a defense analyst and former CIA official, and Maj. Gen. Jan Sejna, once of the Czechoslovak espionage services and one of the most important

defectors to have come over to the West.

Their article is titled "International Narcotics Trafficking: The Soviet Connection." They argue that the State Department is ignoring "the potential importance of the Soviet narcotics strategy and of the coordinated efforts of all the communist satellites and surrogates."

According to the Douglass-Sejna paper, the Soviet Defense Council officially entered the drug trafficking business in early 1956. The Soviet decision flowered in full bloom in 1962 with Czechoslovakia and, later, East Germany in the forefront of Operation *Druzhiba Narobov*, or "National Friendship," a name bestowed by Nikita Khrushchev, presumably a demonstration of his earthy peasant sense of humor.

The Douglass-Sejna paper as well as other studies of Soviet involvement in narcotics trafficking should raise the question among our decision-making elites: Should the United States government be training communist police agents in narcotics police work?